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W# 143838

Celebratory Resolution

Recognizing Arlington Student Cayden Person on His Heroic Community Act

WHEREAS, Cayden Person is just 15 years old and is a ninth-grader at James Martin High School in Arlington, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Cayden participates on the football and wrestling teams at Martin High School; and

WHEREAS, in the early morning hours of July 27, 2024, Cayden arose to take his pet dogs, Allie and Polo, out into his back yard; and, upon doing so, heard crackling noises; then, saw fire coming from a neighbor's home; and

WHEREAS, Cayden immediately alerted his mother to call 9-1-1 to report the fire; then ran a city block, barefoot and shirtless, to awaken his neighbor and her two children of the fire; and

WHEREAS, the neighbor reported to media outlets that she would not have been aware of the fire at her home where her two young children were just awakening had Cayden not alerted her; and

WHEREAS, the Arlington Fire Department recognized Cayden's actions as heroic stating the location of the fire, in the home's attic, immediately above the children's bedrooms, was particularly concerning and dangerous and was difficult to detect from inside the home; and given, just 10 more minutes, might have resulted in casualties;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Commissioners Court of Tarrant County, recognize Cayden Person as an outstanding community servant and citizen and celebrates his kind heart, selfless act, good character, and integrity and encourage all students to model Cayden's compassion at their own schools, neighborhoods, and communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Tarrant County to be affixed this 17th day of September 2024